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Epiphany



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(text in bold read in unison)

Epiphany

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways

Ascribe to the Creator glory and honor!

The voice of the Holy One hovers over the waters and speaks creation into being.

Ascribe to the Holy One strength and peace!

The voice of the Sovereign One calls for justice, love, and righteousness.

Ascribe to the Omnipresent One power and gentleness!

The voice of the Gracious One gives life and reigns forever and ever.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Triune God, you come among us in the fullness of your being and affirm the fullness of our humanity—mind, body, and spirit. In you, we find joy and pleasure. In you, we claim peace and hope. In you, we arise to greet a new day and a new way of being. Shape us in this time together that we might reflect your goodness and your way. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: “As With Gladness” # 173 Verses 1-3

As with gladness sages bold did the building star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, true Morning Star, may we evermore your splendor see.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
there to bend the knee before One whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at the manger plain and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

RESPONSE: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service. For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy. From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them

where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERMON: "Epiphany"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: "We Three Kings" # 172 Verses 1-3

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. (Refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshipping God on High. (Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Your kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

Anthem: "What Star Is This With Beams So Bright"

* Doxology #46 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, the heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication - Worship Ways (Together)

Holy One, receive our offerings as gifts of ourselves. Increase the gifts and uplift our generosity to new heights. May our giving bear fruit that sustains, nurtures, and feeds a new world into being.

AMEN.

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Together)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Sing of God Made Manifest" # 176 Verses 1-3

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound;
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign - - dove-like Spirit, voice divine -
hailed the true Anointed One; "This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes will be available for pickup starting on **Sunday, January 7**. Please pick up your neighbors too, as it is costly to mail the envelopes.

Pickup hours during the week are Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 10:00-2:00. Call Carol in the Church Office at 314-843-5100 to notify her you're stopping by.

UN-DECKING THE HALLS

Helping hands are needed after church on **Sunday, January 7** for removing the Christmas decorations. Lots of hands make for quick work!! Thanks in advance for your help.

LUNCH BUNCH BRUNCH

Please join us for a Lunch Bunch Brunch on **Wednesday, January 10** at **noon** at the Golden Oak Pancake House located at 7289 Watson Road, 63119.

See the PURPLE signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Dolores Zikes at 314-282-0197 by Sunday, January 7th.

BOOK CLUB

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 10:15am
We will meet on **January 14** after church to share a potluck lunch and to discuss *Girl Waits with Gun*.

Our Next selection is *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver, which tells the story of a 28 year old woman who feels trapped by her role as a housewife, and difficult relationships with her in-laws. Then a miraculous experience changes everything.

Consider joining us to read this New York times best seller and nominee for Best Book of the Year. Books are available in kit form and can be picked up or delivered to you after January 14. We are always ready to welcome new members, and we always have a good time.

LOGOS MINISTRY

Would you be interested in making a meal for our LOGOS ministry? If so, we'd love to try your cooking (and have you join us for an evening)! Receipts may be turned in for reimbursement.

Need ideas on feeding 30 people?

Here are some meals we've had in the past that have been successful for our group:

- Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad
- Baked potato bar with soup
- Chili & hot dogs
- Taco night! (beef, chicken or pork)
- Build your own sub/sandwich night
- Lasagna
- Ham or Turkey & Cheese Sliders
- Pulled pork & macaroni & cheese
- Enchiladas
- Chicken Alfredo
- We'd love to try your ideas too!!

If you are interested, please see the schedule on the Bulletin Board.

Thank you for your support,
Andrea Tukin

YOUNG ADULT APPETIZER PARTY

Children are welcome too!

Join us for an evening of appetizers and fellowship at the Tukins! Bring an appetizer to share and BYOB. There will also be some kid friendly foods along with soda, lemonade, and tea.

Saturday, January 27
4-8pm

[RSVP HERE](#) or to Andrea Tukin

SALVAGING UNWANTED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Instead of recycling or throwing away your unwanted, used or new Christmas cards, I will be collecting them. They will be repurposed for craft projects. Old vintage or newer cards are welcome.

You can drop-off your unwanted cards in the marked box on the credenza just outside the Sanctuary during the months of January and February.

Thank you,
Carol O'Shea

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to our members
who will be celebrating this month.**

We will sing on the 1st Sunday of each month.

“Happy Birthday to You!,

Happy Birthday to You!,

Happy Birthday Everybody!

and God Bless You!”

Leo Ruffino	1
Charles Zikes	2
Walter Knoll	3
John Mikusch	3
Carl Schillinger	4
Libby Coleman	6
Caylie Armistead	7
Emily Coleman	8
Paula Williams	9
Andrew Knoll	12
Robin Knoll	17
Jeff Stevenson	18
Marilyn Eason	23
Lois Decker	28
Beth Hickman	29
Joyce Brand	31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Un-decking the Halls	8 4:45 ECC Board Mtg 7:00 Church Council Mtg	9	10 noon Lunch Bunch Brunch @ Golden Oak Pancake House	11 5:00-6:00 Scouts GS	12	13
14 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club 1:00 Joint Worship Plng Mtg	15	16	17 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	18	19	20 11:00-4:00 Building Rental
21 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Game Day	22	23	24	25	26	27 8:30-3:00 Building Rental
28 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	29	30	31 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	1 February	2 6:00-9:00 MPR Rental	3
4 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	5	6	7	8	9	10



**Our
Vision
Statement**

St. Philip's Vision Statement

We are called to the body of Jesus Christ, with:

Minds to study God's word,
Mouths to proclaim the Gospel,
Eyes to see the needs of others,
Arms to welcome all,

Hearts big enough to share God's love with all God's children.



*In
our
Thoughts
and
Prayers*

Iveta Boyanchek

Joyce Brand

Lou Cherry

Grace Heady

Ron Hemingway

Virginia Hladnick

LaDonna Kay

Mary Ann Krewson

The Mignerone and
Hertenstein Families

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